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FOR: APPARATUS FOR APPLYING AND REMOVING CLOSING MEANS FROM AN
END PORTION OF A TUBULAR ELEMENT AND THE USE THEREOF IN
PERITONEAL DIALYSIS

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Responsive to the Interview Summary's requirement for a statement, the Examiner contacted the undersigned to request amendment of claims 1 and 11 prior to allowance. Applicant approved because amendment of claim 1 improved the clarity of its limitations and did not further limit the claimed subject matter. In particular, "the tubular element" refers back to the element in the preamble, "is able to" is canceled as prolix because first and second closing means (as well as the tubular element) are not part of the claimed device, and "within said container" makes explicit what was previously implied (cf. claim 31). The dependency of claim 11 was also corrected.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required to complete the record of the substance of the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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